Afforestation programmes

1133. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether renewed efforts have been undertaken to speeden the afforestation programmes to counter the effects of climate change in the country;

(b) if so, the number of new saplings that would be planted, State-wise, and the financial outlays earmarked for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether the utilization of funds for the purpose by the States is being monitored/reviewed by Government; and

(d) if so, which of all States registered under utilization of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes Sir. Under the National Action Plan on Climate Change announced by the Government, a National Mission for a 'Green India' has been mooted as one of the eight missions of *inter-alia* help counter the effects of climate change through forestation programmes.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Report of international panel on climate change

1134. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government his received a report from International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC);

(b) if so, the complete details thereof and action taken by Government on the report;

(c) whether according to the report there is some evidence to show loss of human life due to climate changes; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government on this recommendation of IPCC report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has published Fourth Assessment Report – "Climate Change–2007". The Report includes assessment of information on physical science; impact, adaptation and vulnerability; and mitigation of climate change. The assessment report was prepared based on assessment of peer reviewed published current literature worldwide. This report provides latest understanding on the above mentioned aspects on climate change.

(c) and (d) The assessment pertaining to vulnerability to projected climate change and record of observed changes in the climate parameters at the continental/sub-continental level. However, there is no substantial evidence to show the loss of human life due to human induced